

Claims 3-23 have been allowed, and it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. A favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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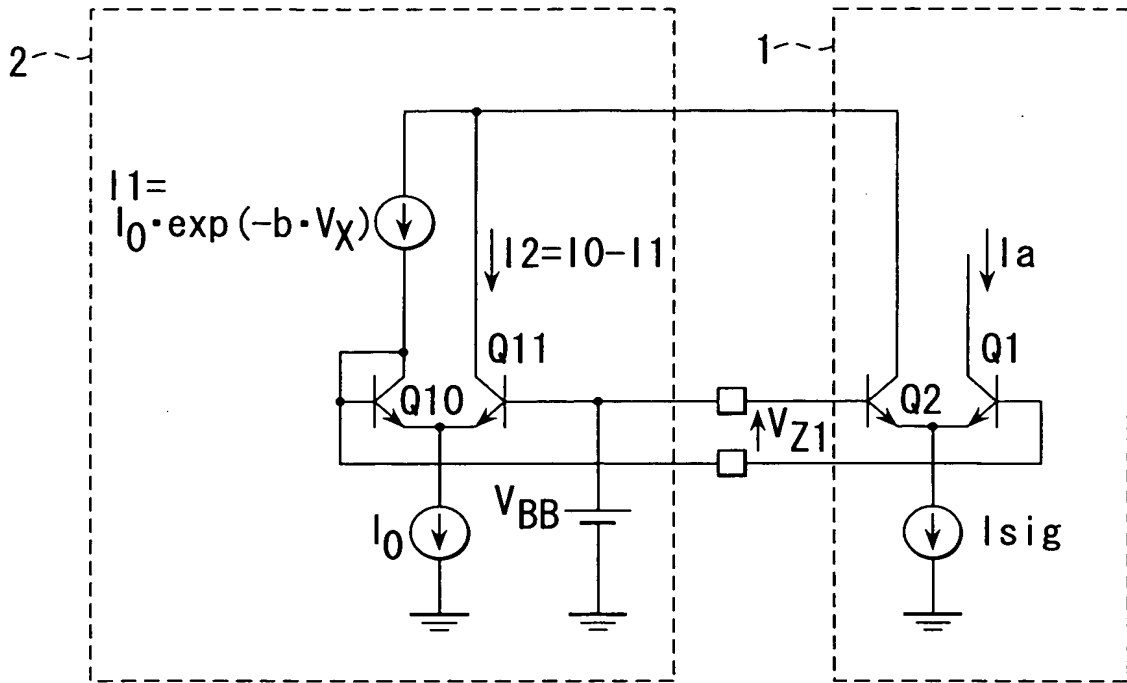


FIG. 16
(PRIOR ART)

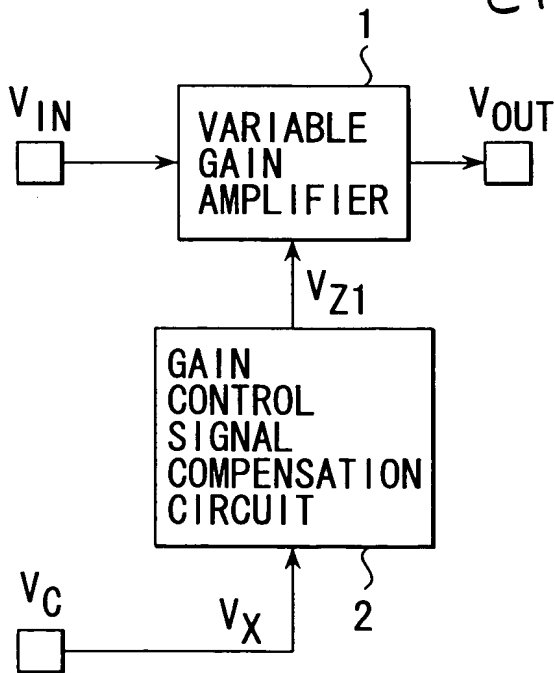


FIG. 17A
(PRIOR ART)

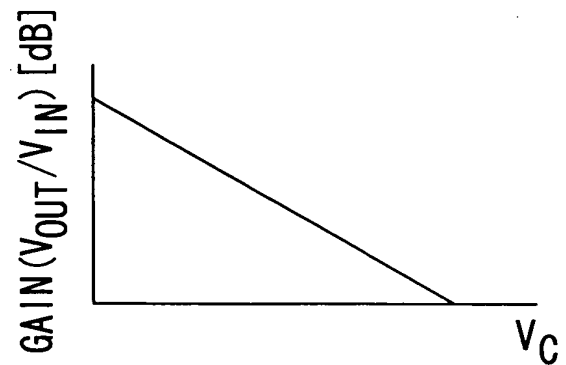


FIG. 17B

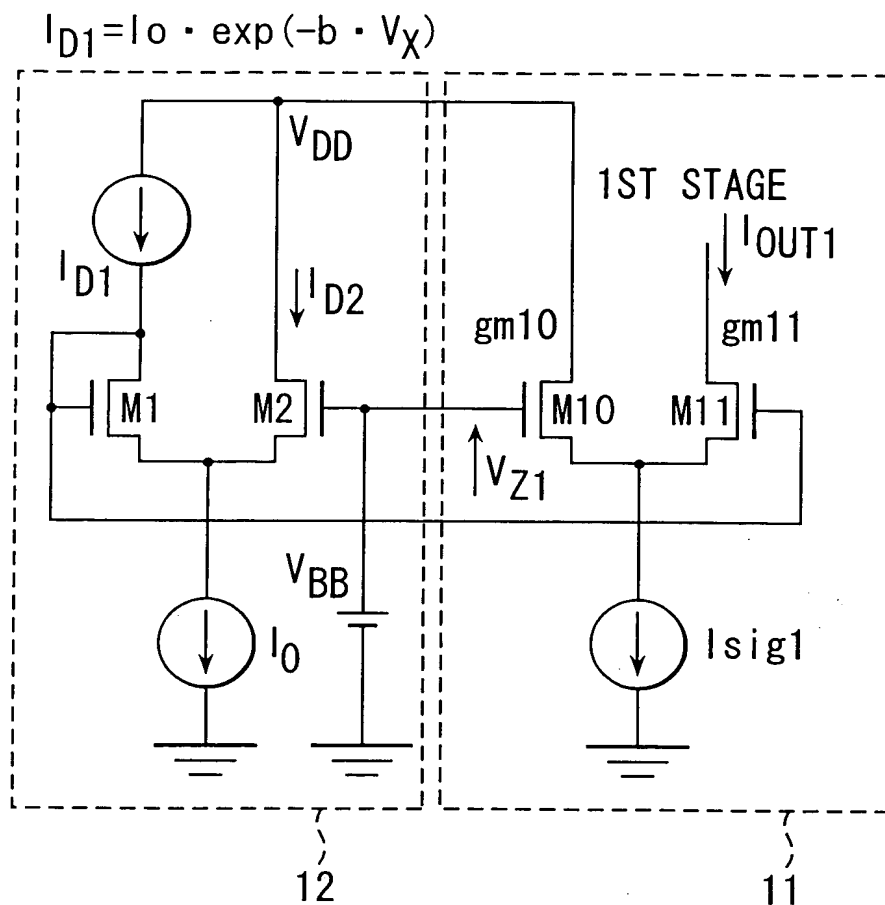


FIG. 18
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